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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Shoreline Inventory for American Samoa

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.
 - a. Planning and technical assistance work for water resource activities to territorial agencies may be performed under Section 22, Water Resources Development Act of 1974, entitled Planning Assistance to States (PAS). The PAS program is funded annually by Congress, nationwide annual funds may not exceed \$10M. Historically, the lump-sum appropriations by Congress has been limited between \$5 M to \$7 M annually, distributed nation-wide.
 - b. Under PAS, in 1994, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed and published an American Samoa Shoreline Inventory which identified and located shoreline features, conditions, and problem areas. The information was developed utilizing existing aerial photographs and topographic maps. This document was a valuable source of information for planners and engineers.
 - c. The Department of Public Works, by letter dated 15 February 2001, requested an update of this inventory. The update is estimated to cost approximately \$200,000. To date, the study has not been initiated due to the budget limitations and considering other on-going studies requiring PAS funds. Funds have been requested in fiscal year 2003 to initiate the study.
3. Congressional Interest. Congressman Faleomavaega has expressed interest in the start of the study.